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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

## HK Trade

THE trade returns for the first quarter give Hongkong little cause for hoping that the final figures for 1954 are going to show any appreciable improvement over last year's. Assuming there is no deterioration in the Far Eastern situation, a more or less cynical forecast is that last year's trading results might well form the basic pattern of our trade for some time to come. In any consideration of the economy in the future it is essential to understand that however great the need to remove trade restrictions to improve the overall trade picture, in the case of China the embargo is going to stay in force until the end of this year at the very least. The United States has made that quite clear, not only by the compromise reached with Western nations recently to allow increased East-West trade in the European sphere to compensate for the loss of the China trade, but by its avowed intention to persist with the embargo against China and North Korea until there is proof that these countries have given up their aggressive intentions. This is a bleak prospect for Hongkong but until the embargo is lifted the Colony has to do as much as possible to promote local exports for the preservation of a sound economy.

THE Hon. C. Blaker's comprehensive analysis of Hongkong's trade position on Tuesday contained a number of important points. Having noted the setback in trade with Indonesia he said "this (situation) may lead our shippers to seek more widespread markets so that a decline in one area will not have such a marked effect upon our economic well-being". The decline in our exports to Indonesia was not the only setback last year. There were considerable declines in exports to Malaya, USA, Thailand and Pakistan, to mention just a few. Mr Blaker has correctly stated that Hongkong manufacturers should attempt to secure wider markets for their goods but this involved maintenance of existing established markets—the backbone of our export trade—as well as the cultivation of other small but potentially valuable markets, particularly in the Far East. Mr Blaker also defended Hongkong's participation in trade fairs and said "every opportunity should be seized to show the Colony's wares in overseas markets not only with a view to orders but also to establish in the overseas mind a proper appreciation of the Colony and its products".

IF there is a need to develop markets there is also a definite need to give wide publicity to Hongkong's products. It might be argued too that it is not enough for Hongkong to have resident foreign and Commonwealth trade commissioners in the Colony but that even more should be done by Government, the newly-formed Trade Promotion Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese manufacturers to acquaint neighbouring nations with the possibilities inherent in trade with Hongkong. To this extent closer consideration might profitably be given to the proposal that a trade mission representative of Hongkong industry should make periodic tours in the Far East and even further afield to seek more trade. For sooner or later there will be an improvement in the exchange position of Indonesia and Thailand and the adverse trade position in Italy which will result in renewed demand for imported goods and Hongkong cannot afford to miss these opportunities.

## Dien Bien Phu Situation Becoming Critical

## 24-Hour Strike Ordered

Paris, Apr. 21. Communist and Catholic Railwaysmen's Unions today ordered their members—80 per cent of French railway workers—to strike for 24 hours at midnight on April 27.

The walkout is expected to paralyse the bulk of rail traffic throughout the country.

This follows the general strike call for April 23 by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour and the Catholic Trade Union Federation earlier this month.

They are demanding an increase in the minimum wage from 23,000 francs (about 23 sterlings) to 25,160 francs (about 25 sterlings) a month.—Reuter.

## Ship With Perpetual Passenger

Genoa, Apr. 21.

The French trans-Atlantic liner, Bretagne sailed for South America today and there in his prison-cabin was its perpetual passenger—man-without-a-country Nicolas Levitsky.

It was the 15th time Levitsky had sailed from Genoa aboard the Bretagne and he did not expect it would be the last.

A former cabin-mate of "perpetual traveller" Michael Patrick O'Brien, Levitsky has no passport nor papers and no country will let him land.

As the French steamship pulled away with Levitsky locked securely in his nine-by-six foot cabin, he marked up another tally on his personal chart that notes the ship's brief stopovers at Marseilles, Genoa, Naples, Barcelona, Dakar, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo and Buenos Aires.—United Press.

## Brave Nurse Very Ill

Reading, Apr. 21.

A nursing sister who single-handed rescued 15 new-born babies from a maternity home blaze here on Easter Sunday was still too ill today to be told that only two of the infants had survived.

Sister Freda Holland was badly burned as she carried the choking babies from their cots in the smoke-filled nursery.

Her condition after a skin-grafting operation was "greatly improved," doctors said today.

A team of doctors and nurses fought today to save the survivors—one two weeks old, the other only a few days.

The chief children's specialist at the Royal Berkshire Hospital here, Dr J. J. Kempton, said this morning the two babies, a boy and a girl, had "a good sporting chance of recovery."—China Mail Special.

## Ex-North Korean Minister

## Said Hiding In Tokyo

Seoul, Apr. 21. Former North Korean deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Pak Hun Nyung, who was purged last August, escaped and made his way to Japan, a defected Communist army officer claimed today.

Lee Wan Bong, who held the rank of captain in both the Chinese and Korean Red armies and defected to the south in February, said the former No. 2 man of North Korea fled by sea along with 10 supporters and prison guards.

Previously, it had been assumed by many observers that Pak also was executed.

Pak was the leading avowed Communist in Korea until his 1947 merger under Russian auspices with Kim's North Korean Labour Party.

Lee said Pak is now in exile, probably in Tokyo, hidden and protected by "Choren," the Korean Communist organisation there.

South Korean officials said they could not confirm Lee's report.

Pak was purged from his government and party posts, according to Lee, when he tried to compete with dictator Kim II Sung. He was indicted

## VIOLENT FIGHTING NEAR FORTRESS

## Urgent Appeal By General Castries

Hanoi, Apr. 21. Vietminh shock troops concentrated heavy fire against a French forward position commanding the fort's crippled airfield today as the defenders' position steadily worsened.

Four days of bad weather cut the life-giving aerial support badly. Brig.-Gen. Christian de Castries appealed to headquarters to maintain the airlift of vital supplies and men no matter what the price.

Winging to the aid of the weakened garrison from France were huge US Air Force double-decker transports rushing French paratroop reinforcements. It was described as the longest military airlift ever established for organised combat units.

The troops—some 600 crack colonial infantry of the Seventh Commando Parachute Battalion—were expected here tomorrow. They left Paris' Orly Field late Monday after the French government appealed to Washington for emergency aid in ferrying badly-needed men to stem the Communist push.

The chutistes will be transferred to French-mapped planes and dropped to Dien Bien Phu or else used to free other airborne units already in Indo-China for action at Dien Bien Phu.

The High Command said Red soldiers frantically tightened their hold most of the way around the little post situated on the northwest side of the airstrip. The tarmac already is one-quarter held by the Reds.

Violent fighting continued today but Headquarters said at nightfall that there had not yet been any direct assault.

The rebel move seemed part of General Vo Nguyen Giap's new tactics of strangling off the French forces—part by part and strong-point by strong-point.

The steady weakening would gradually lay open the core of the fort.

## TIGHTLY PACKED

Other factors worked against the 11,000 defenders now tightly packed in a little circle, less than three-quarters of a square mile in area. The position is so small that some headquarters mathematician calculated two men are on each square yard since much terrain is taken up by big mine-fields and barbed-wire entanglements.

The main factors were:

1. Parachuting of men and equipment is growing steadily harder as the bastion shrinks and the weather clouds up for the monsoon downpours. Although the French have perfected an air and ground controlled instrument allowing precision drops despite poor visibility, it was considered unlikely the French could keep pumping in the 200 tons of supplies needed daily without a large increase in air power.

## RADIOPHONE TALK

General de Castries, in a radiophone talk with General Henri Cogny, his superior and Northern Front commander, emphasised that the airlift must be maintained no matter what the sacrifice, if the garrison is to continue. He also appealed to the population of Hanoi to contribute thinned milk and fruit juice to ease the suffering of the wounded. The contributions will be agreed with the Turkish leaders on all problems of international policy and of the relations between us... our co-operation in the economic, political and defence" (this word he especially stressed) "fields will be greatly broadened."

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Before mounting the special platform prepared for his brief speech, Marshal Tito said good-bye formally to Vice-Admiral Jerkovic, commandant of the Yugoslav Navy which had just completed its fortnight's stay by bringing him safely home. He was welcomed by the President of the Croatian Parliament, Vladimir Bakaric, on behalf of the Republic of Croatia, to which the city of Split belongs.

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## Border Guards Shoot Woman

Berlin, Apr. 21. Armed Communist border guards today shot an unidentified woman and fired at a German motorcyclist with Tommy-guns near the West Berlin border. West Berlin police announced.

The police said the woman was hit and collapsed, while the motorcyclist, speeding past the shooting scene, escaped.

The shooting, reported to the police by the motorcyclist, took place at the Berlin end of the 110-mile superhighway from Berlin to the West where it runs through a short stretch of East German territory between the Allied highway checkpoint and the West Berlin border, the police said.

## Tito Elated Over Visit

## New Agreements With Turkey

Belgrade, Apr. 21. President Tito returned today from an "extraordinarily successful" State visit to Turkey that tightened links between this Balkan nation and NATO's Easternmost partner.

Marshal Tito stepped onto Yugoslav soil from the deck of the Yugoslav Navy training ship Galeb (Seagull) at 8.10 this morning at Split and told cheering thousands that his mission to Turkey had achieved "much more than we expected".

He said his party had been "very happily surprised" to find that in Turkey "the entire country, not just its leaders, prepared a tremendous welcome for us, a welcome such as we never experienced anywhere else."

"During the whole trip peasants, workers and citizens greeted us with joyful faces, seeing in us their real friends," he said. "It was hard for us to agree with the Turkish leaders on all problems of international policy and of the relations between us... our co-operation in the economic, political and defence" (this word he especially stressed) "fields will be greatly broadened."

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## Mrs Petrov Flies From Darwin To Join Her Husband In Hiding Place

Darwin, Apr. 22.

Mrs Evokiya Petrov, heavily veiled, flew from here at 3 a.m. today in an Australian Dakota to join her refugee husband, Vladimir, in his secret hiding place in South Australia.

A police car drove her in teeming rain to the airport.

The destination of the plane was not disclosed. The Dakota, one which had been held as a standby during the Royal visit to Australia, arrived at Darwin Airport late at night under secret orders and the pilot refused to answer any questions.

## GENEVA TALKS

## Barbed Wire To Protect Delegates

Geneva, Apr. 21.

Swiss troops today began erecting two rows of barbed wire entanglements round the villas which the Soviet, Chinese and North Korean Foreign Ministers will occupy during the Geneva conference.

The three villas are about four miles from Geneva, near the Lakes De Vougeot of Versoix, which looks as if it is being prepared to withstand a siege.

The soldiers started work with five railway wagon loads of barbed wire, of which several miles will be needed.

A fourth villa near Versoix will be used by the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, who is not expected to be given such elaborate "defence" measures.

Several hundred Swiss troops will guard roads and buildings during the conference, which begins on Monday.

There will also be 240 security policemen with a fleet of fast cars at their disposal.

Six Russian planes landed here today bringing more staff and freight for the Soviet, Chinese and North Korean delegations.

Two flew on the regular Soviet airlift from East Berlin, which began last week, and the others from Moscow.—Reuters.

## NO SECRETARIAT

Geneva, Apr. 21. With the opening of the Geneva conference only five days away, there is still no authority here who knows when the meeting will start or how the world press will have access to the deliberations of the 18 nations taking part.

There is no Secretariat for the conference. There is no translating staff available to handle the big job of translation into the five official languages. There are no arrangements at all for the distribution of documents, and the press centre here, from which press reporters from many countries will be working, is still unfinished.

"Without exception, this is one of the most amazing conferences I have ever witnessed," was the description applied to the arrangements today by a high ranking official of the United Nations.

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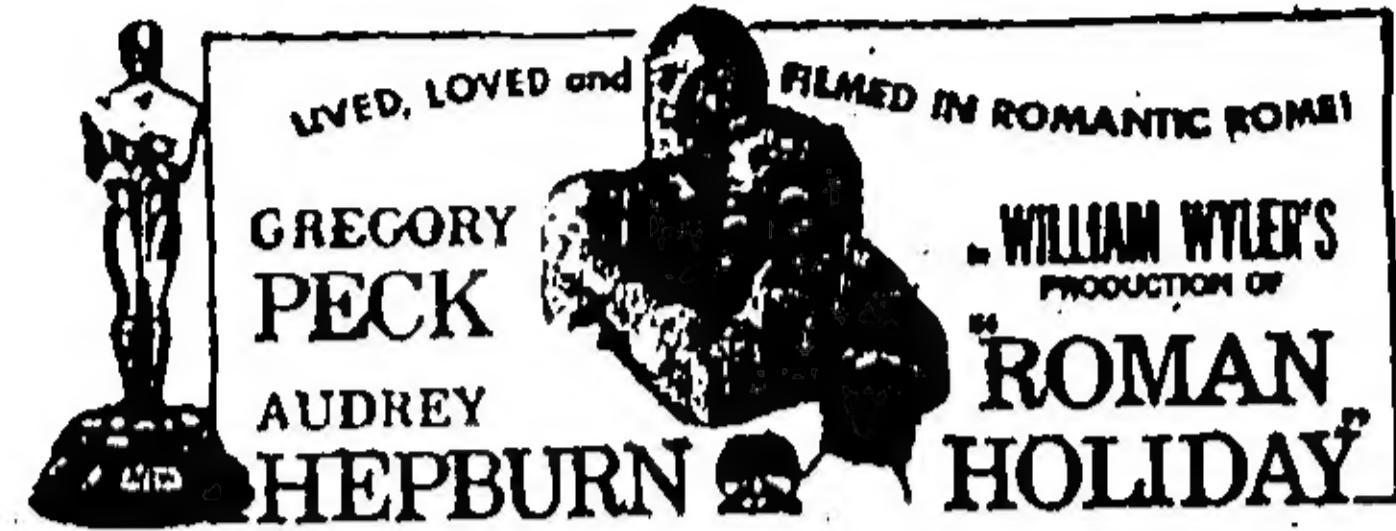
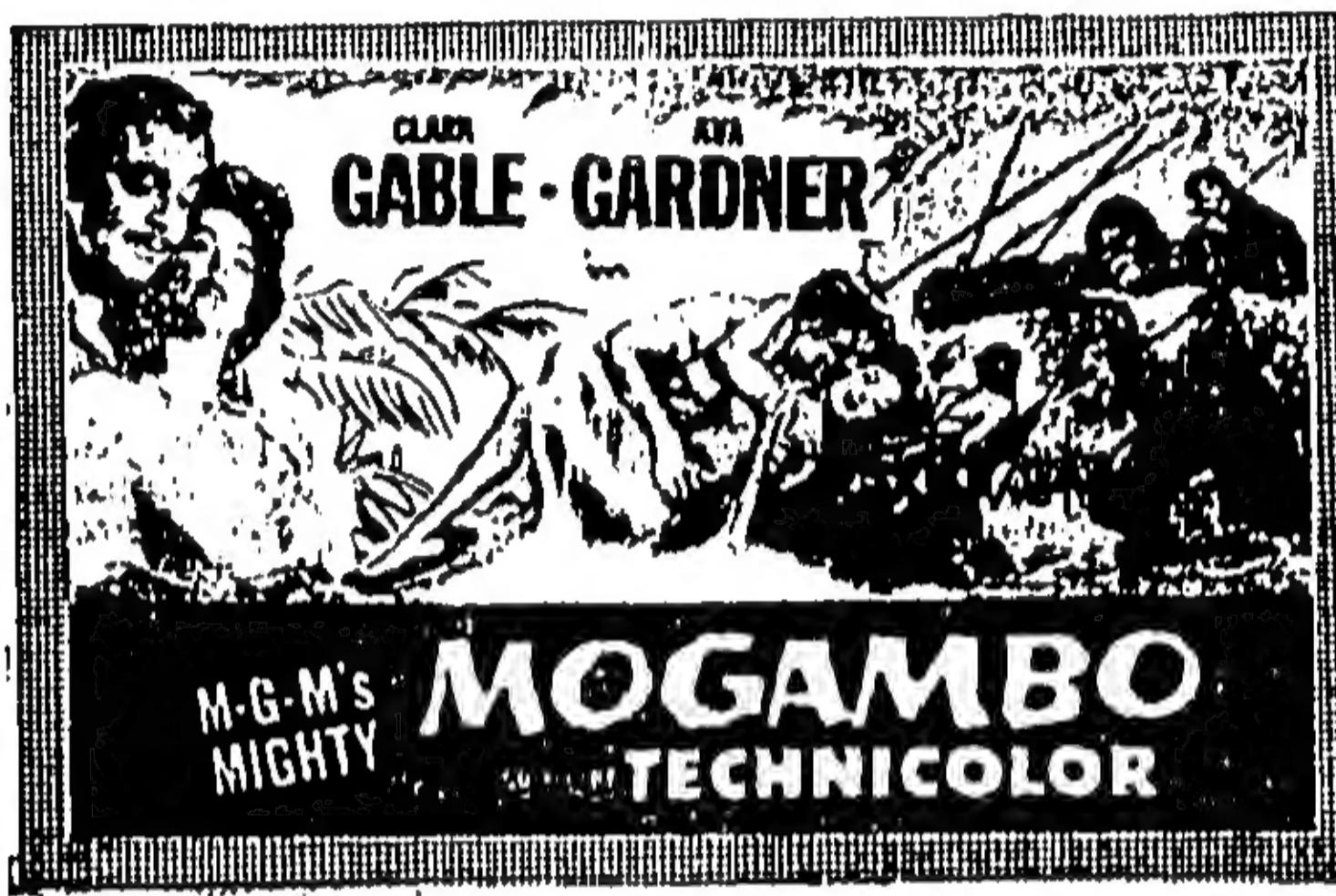
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Even the matter of access to news is being left until the last moment.—China Mail Special.

## Election Budget

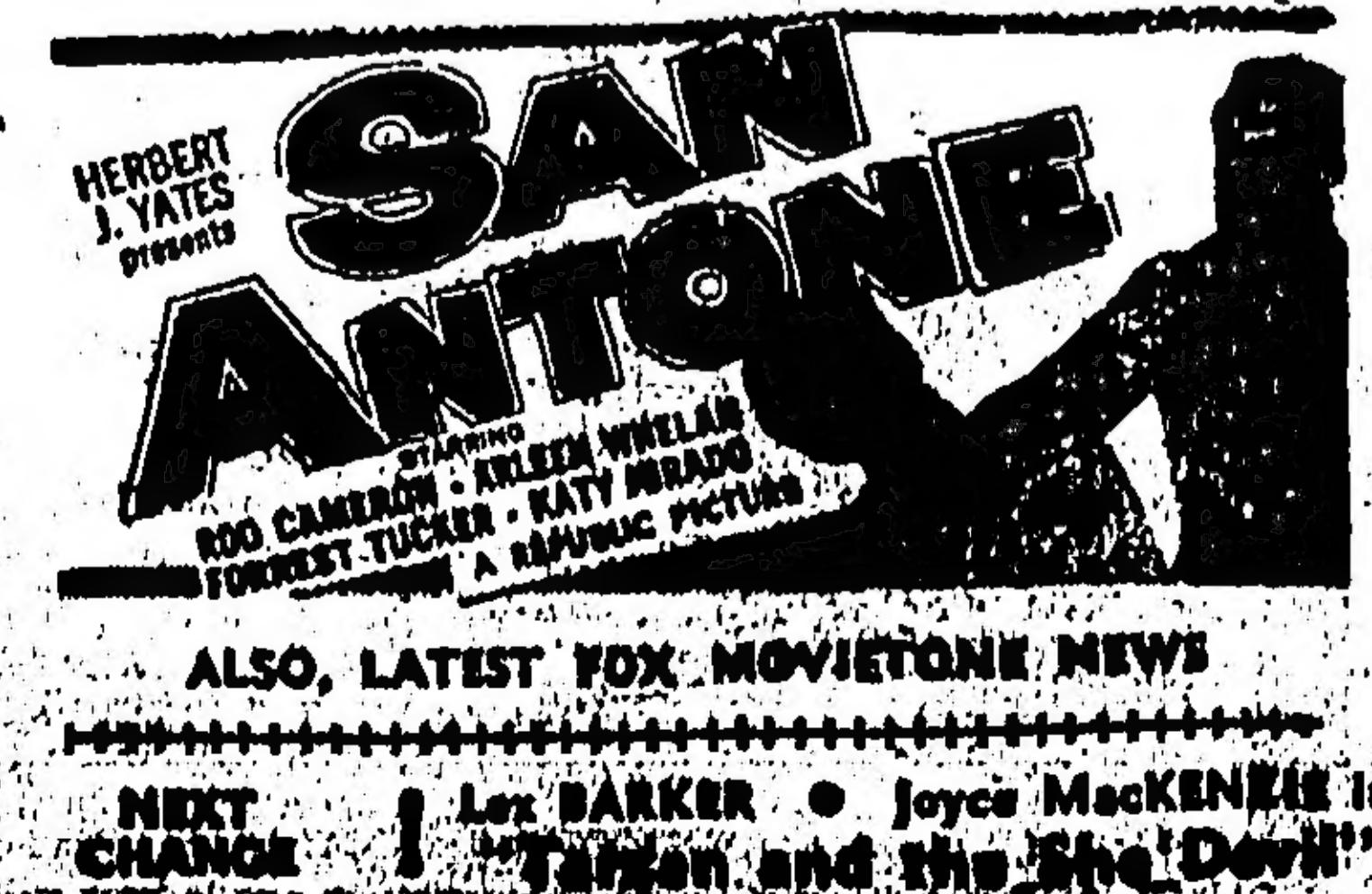
Dublin, Apr. 21. Mr Eamon de Valera's Fianna Fail Government, which leaves office on Saturday

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7.30 & 9.30 P.M.**SOCIALISTS COMPLAIN IN INDONESIA****DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOUR OF COMMUNISTS CHARGE**

Djakarta, Apr. 21. Indonesia's opposition Socialist Party today accused the Government of discriminating against Socialists who wanted to travel to Indonesia for the Asian Socialist conference in favour of Communists who have recently visited the country for other conferences.

Government sources later denied the charge saying they imposed restrictions only on Israeli delegates whose entry into Indonesia might offend Middle East Muslim countries which Indonesia regards as friends.

Last week the Asian Socialist conference announced that the 1954 Asian Socialist conference would now be held in Burma. It is believed the switch was made because of the obstacles raised by Indonesian anti-communist restrictions.

The Socialist Party claimed today that delegates from France, Yugoslavia and from the Vietnam Socialist Party had met difficulty in trying to get visas for Indonesia.

The Foreign Ministry in a reply said today that the charges were "trumped up." The Department had done all possible to help the entry into

**PETROL RIVER RUNS UNDER THIS HOTEL**

London, Apr. 21. Petrol has taken the place of water in a little stream that runs under the cellar of the Queen Victoria Hotel at Rushden, Northamptonshire, England.

The guests were evacuated last week and the hotel closed — all except the windows, which have been flung wide open to lessen the risk of explosion.

No one yet knows where the petrol has come from. Tests at all petrol stations in the area have failed to disclose a leak.

It began when two farmers in the bar grumbled to the manager, Mr Monty Dards. "What's up, tonight? Beer tastes like petrol."

Soon it was not only the beer. The entire hotel smelled like a garage.

**POLICEMAN POSTED**

A fire-brigade officer lifted a manhole in the cellar and said: "There's more petrol down here than water."

That was enough. The six guests were found emergency accommodation at Wellington, four miles away, and a policeman posted at the door to warn intending customers. All fires were drawn.

Mr Dards, his wife, and their son shivering in the cold. For two days now they have eaten only cold food. Even the beer has been taken back to the brewery to prevent contamination.

**NOTICE POSTED**

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The trees will be planted in the Tiergarten Park, completely devastated during the war, but now almost completely rebuilt and newly planted.

The new park already has an "English Garden," a gift from England. —Reuter.

**JAPANESE CHERRY TREES FOR WEST BERLIN**

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**POP****HIGH-SPEED STAGE LEAP**

A high-speed action picture of Sylvia Barber as she appears in "Golden Idol" one of the many gay and colourful scenes in the latest edition of non-stop revue at The Windmill. —Central Press.

**RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND MURDER ON CELEBES ISLAND ALLEGED**

Djakarta, Apr. 21.

Sensational reports of persecution of Christians on the Celebes Island point up once again one of the top problems facing the young Indonesian Government—internal security.

The latest furore was touched off by Tambunan, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament and a leader of Parkindo, the Christian Protestant Party. He charged that guerrilla bands in the southern section of the island had forced at least 6,500 believers in Christ to convert to the Moslem faith.

The bandits murdered two girls who refused to desert Christianity, Tambunan declared.

They burned Bibles, forced Christian women into marriage with guerrillas, closed churches, converted others into Mosques and slaughtered hundreds of pigs, Tambunan said.

Most quarters in Djakarta agreed that while Tambunan's charges might be exaggerated they were based for the most part on facts.

But the situation was not as clear as Tambunan's accusations indicated.

A large area in the southern part of the Celebes is under bandit control. The villages there are isolated and defenseless. There is little contact with the Central Government at Djakarta. Communications are poor and reports from that area are sometimes long delayed and distorted.

In addition, economic and other differences have set against each other large groups of people living there, according to well-informed sources. Another factor is the hatred toward the Javanese people felt by some population groups of East Indonesia. This harks back at least to the old Dutch plan of pre-1949 to set up independent states instead of a united Indonesia.

But the Government of Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo feels that the crisis could best be dealt with internally without referring it to an international authority.—United Press.

**Gold Medal Winner**

London, Apr. 20. A girl who ten years ago fled from Yugoslavia with the intention of becoming a nurse, Miss Maria Skabec, today won the annual gold medal as the best student at the West Middlesex Hospital, London.

Now 30, she spent over two years in a displaced persons camp in Italy and then worked as a domestic servant in England before getting her chance.

Much of the area where the persecutions have been taking place is under the control of an armed "Independent" gang headed by Kahar Musakkar. He has been identified as associated with the Darul Islam but most Djakarta quarters feel that he is not officially connected with the fiery Moslem organization, Musakkar is the self-styled ruler of the area.

Persecution of Christians in the Celebes is not new either.

Last October the Christian population in Toraja appealed to the Government for weapons to defend themselves against bands operating under the flag of Darul Islam. The resolution was presented to President Soekarno during his visit to the Celebes.

About 400,000 Christians live in the large area where Musakkar started his wave of terror in 1951. Thousands of them have been converted to the "dangerous" villages.

The church community in Indonesia was talking about submitting a formal complaint on the situation to the World Council of Churches and the United Nations.

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**Grand Concert**

With English subtitles at the State Theatre.

G. Ulanov, the First State Ballet Dancer with a World-Wide Name, Plays the Leading Role in Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet," Chaliapin's "Swan Lake."

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Moira Shearer Does The Charleston!



Even the dated steps of the Charleston achieve a new grace when they're danced by ballerina Moira Shearer and film star Patricia Cutts at Shepperton Studios, Middlesex.

Moira danced the rage of the giddy 'twenties for a sequence of her new film 'The Man who Loved Redheads'. Scene is an evening garden party in the year 1920.—Reuterphoto.

## You'll Have To Be Quick To Escape An Atom Bomb Burn

New York, Apr. 21.

Anyone who can duck in one 25,000th of a second can be within the burning range of an exploding atomic bomb and still not be burned, an authoritative report on atomic bomb burns said today.

The initial blast of the exploding bomb causes no burns at the somewhat remote distances where the only injury is likely to be burns. But when the fire ball appears, within a 25,000th of a second, the burning heat is on. It stays on, however, for only five-tenths of a second.

Drs Herman E. Pearce and Harry D. Kingsley, of the University of Rochester (New York) School of Medicine, were reporting to surgeons on the technical nature of atomic bomb burns, matter of much professional interest in the atomic age and abut which little is known. At Hiroshima there were approximately 70,000 persons with bomb burns which received medical attention.

Part of the Atomic Energy Commission's medical project at Rochester, experimented with pigs and dogs at an unspecified atomic bomb explosion, pre-

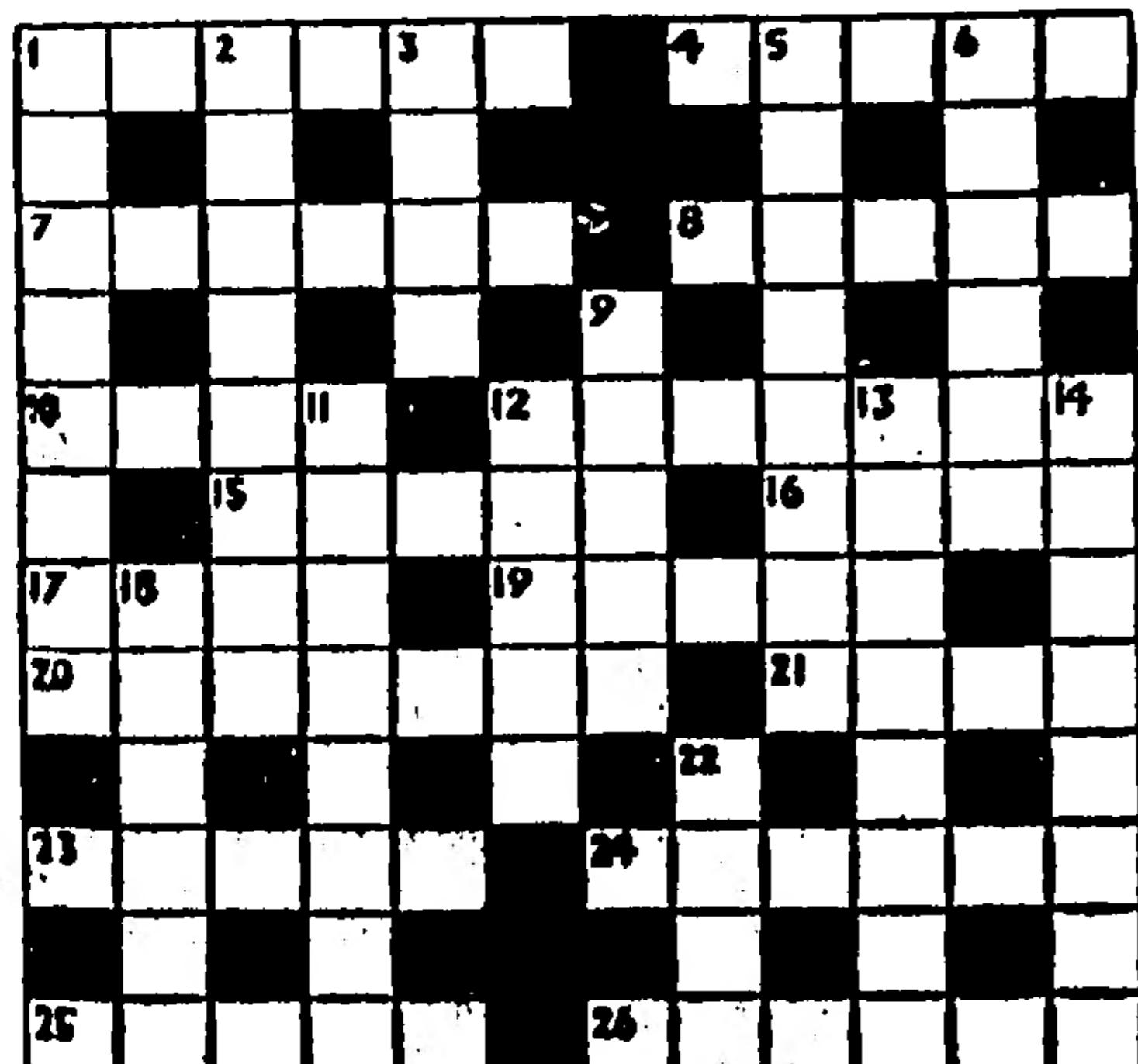
sumably one set off in the Nevada desert.

The anaesthetised animals were placed at 14 different distances from the explosion, all far enough to be beyond the killing radiation but close enough to be within the heat range.

The distances were not specified—they were stated as the distances calculated to produce from 10 calories to 42 calories per square centimetre of exposed skin. The calorie here is a measurement of heat: Only 7.1 calories won't burn, 43 will char.

The animals were behind shutters that restricted the area of burn. Some of the shutters were equipped with split-second timers which closed them at various intervals measured in thousandths of seconds. And some had filters that filtered out either ultra-violet light, infra-red light, or the visible part of the light spectrum.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Slick to (6).
- Bedeck (6).
- Imaginary (6).
- Shun (6).
- Proper (4).
- Swelt (7).
- Plunges (6).
- Ex-emperor (8).
- Measuring apparatus (5).
- Legislator (7).
- Let fall (4).
- Correspond (6).
- Fiat (6).
- Banquet (8).
- Changes (6).
- Relevant (11). Relaxed (12). Hung (13). Depot (15). Senior (19). Pall (20). Carpet (24). Revolted (25). Almanac (26). Sergeant (27). Down (28). Staff (29). Hull (30). Pictures (31). Ideas (32). Aged (33). Opiate (34). Bad (35). Stomach (36). Tropic (37). Spices (38). Vapour (39). Cite (40). Plate (41).

## DOWN

- Kind of tea-cakes (8).
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- Burlesque (4).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3. Pinata, 8. Torrid, 11. Relevant, 12. Relaxed, 13. Hung, 15. Senior, 19. Pall, 20. Carpet, 24. Revolted, 25. Almanac, 26. Sergeant, 27. Down, 28. Staff, 29. Hull, 30. Pictures, 31. Ideas, 32. Aged, 33. Opiate, 34. Bad, 35. Stomach, 36. Tropic, 37. Spices, 38. Vapour, 39. Cite, 40. Plate.

## HARD TIMES FOR MALAYA'S REDS

### Terrorist Army Is Short Of Money

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 21. The Treasury of the Malayan Communist Party is feeling the pinch of hard times, Government sources said today.

The shortage of money and assets and the growing unwillingness of the public to contribute to the Communist cause is said to be shaking the stability of the 5,000-strong Communist "Malayan Liberation Army."

On the contrary, however, members of the Communist Central and State Committees forming the Party's underground high command, are known to carry large amounts of cash or gold bar to provide private luxuries in the struggle, the sources said.

The Federation of Malaya Government is making a bid to cut food and money reaching the terrorists in order to force them out of their jungles hideouts to surrender.

In the Malayan Communist terrorist organization, branches conduct most of the extortions, ploughing on the amounts less expenses to the Party High Command. They are however responsible for the purchase of food, medical supplies, clothing, and equipment for the terrorist rank and file in the area.

The Malayan Communist Party, it is understood, ordered strict economy on expenses except for food. For the comedy the terrorists are prepared to pay high prices as they are hard hit by the Government's successful food denial operations.

The general decline in public prosperity due to the fall in rubber prices is leading to increasing resistance among once-time sympathisers to pay Communist sub-captions.

The Malayan Communist Party is also believed to be living heavily on private caches of gold held by terrorist leaders. The baron of Lauh Kon Kim, notorious "bearded terror of Kukang," killed by members of the Suffolk Regiment in 1952, is still a mystery treasure in the district.

To avoid loss and destruction in the jungle, some terrorist leaders are known to have converted extorted sums into gold. As Ho, Secretary of the Negri Sembilan Communist State Committee, is known to carry

## Churchill And Casey Confer On Geneva

London, Apr. 21. The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr Richard Casey, today conferred for over 46 minutes with the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, at No. 10 Downing Street.

Mr Casey is leaving for Paris tomorrow afternoon on his way to the Geneva Conference. The two statesmen were understood to have discussed the proposed Southeast Asian and West Pacific Defence Pact. Earlier today Mr Casey and the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, conferred over the Indo-Chinese and Korean questions with the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson.

A Foreign Office spokesman later declared that the talks had been useful and profitable. He said the three statesmen had reached a comparatively general agreement over these two problems which top the list of the forthcoming Geneva Conference, but that the approaches to the questions of relations with Communist China were slightly divergent.

It was believed that of all the Western nations, Canada was the most favourable to a compromise solution in Indo-China and in Korea, while Australia, owing to her geographical situation, which exposed her to a Chinese Communist threat, was attempting a more intransigent attitude.

Britain, desirous of reaching a compromise solution in Geneva liable to re-open prospects for international trade, was understood to have taken up an intermediary attitude.

The decision taken jointly with France and the United States to examine the possibility of settling up a Southeast Asian Defence Pact would somewhat restrict the freedom to manoeuvre of the British delegation.

It was believed that Canada might ask to participate in the negotiations for the settling up of such a pact.

## China's 7-Year Plan For Tibet

New Delhi, Apr. 21. Roads and air communications throughout Tibet are being developed rapidly under a seven-year plan being pursued vigorously by the Chinese authorities in Tibet, according to reports reaching here today from Kathmandu.

The reports say that four small and two large airports are already completed near the 500-mile-long Shigatse-Manasarover road, which has recently been built.

Mountainous areas round the two larger airports will be levelled off to make them safe for four-engined aircraft. Eight fair weather airports are also to be constructed.—Reuters.

## Last Doubt Resolved, Says Lodge

### US, UK Support Of EDC

New York, Apr. 21. The United States representative in the United Nations, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, today backed the European Army Treaty. He said a failure to establish the E.D.C. would be regarded by the Soviet Union as "a victory of epic proportions for her diplomacy and propaganda."

Mr Cabot Lodge, who is also President Eisenhower's political adviser, was speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the France-American Society.

He recalled that last week, the United States and Britain had given precise proof of their support of the E.D.C. in the form of solemn assurances that they would maintain armed forces in Europe as long as any threat remained in the North Atlantic area.

"Thus, those in Europe who have hesitated to support the concept of the European Defence Community because of lack of confidence in American and British support of the E.D.C. should have any last lingering doubt resolved," he said.

He warned, however, "but of course we can only be there as part of a total European defence so intelligently organised that it would, in the tragic event of war, have a reasonable chance of success."

### NO ALTERNATIVE

"We see no acceptable alternative to the E.D.C."

The E.D.C. offers the prospect of a stable and effective Europe—a military system which would permit a practicable defence of Central Europe towards which the United States and other non-European powers should make appreciable contribution.

The E.D.C., he stressed, was a military system, the control of which rested in the hands of all its members.

Referring to the war in Indo-China, Senator Lodge said: "The United States is determined to work in conjunction with France, with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and with other free nations concerned—to help prevent the spread of the Soviet and Chinese Communist systems to Southeast Asia."

Mr Lodge then recalled the close ties linking France and America, adding that the United States' presence in Europe was the surest guarantee of peace.

"With us in the picture, any potential German numerical superiority will be completely balanced," he said.

After declaring that American troops could participate in the defence of Europe only under certain conditions, Mr Lodge said: "I say all this as a man with 13 years of service in the United States Senate behind him, who took an active part in 1951 in the Senate debate on the sending of the six United States divisions to Europe. These are opinions based on long experience and introduced here."

The Minister said that a proposal made some time ago to get a few Japanese families to come to Ceylon to teach methods of Japanese rice growing had been dropped.—United Press.

## To Test Snow For Radioactivity

Turin, Italy, Apr. 21. Turin University's Institute of Nuclear Physics said today it would test snow which fell in late April in Northern Italy for the first time since 1938 to find out if the flakes were radioactive.

The University said it decided to run the tests after hundreds of Italians telephoned weather bureaux asking if recent freak weather was caused by American hydrogen bomb tests.

Experts said, however, they thought that the snowfall was caused by cold winds whistling in from the Julian Alps, meeting warmer air from the sea, sweeping inland from the sea.

## Hans Andersen Figurines For Sir Winston



### Propaganda And Petrol

## How And Why Russia Slashed Her Defence Estimates

London, Apr. 21. Only the men in the Kremlin know whether the ten per cent cut in the Soviet defence budget for 1954 means Russia is genuinely cutting her armed forces or her military expenditure.

The Kremlin announced the ten per cent slash in the defence budget today.

The Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament, heard that 100,000,000,000 Roubles will be spent on defence this year—a reduction of 9,000,000,000 Roubles over the 1953 figure.

At the Soviet fixed exchange rate, the defence figure amounts to £8,925,000,000, out of a budget totalling about £50,000,000,000.

Stocky Arseni Zverev, who has managed Soviet finances for many years, went to the hand-carved oak rostrum in the Kremlin's Grand Palace and told Deputies that Russia's defence spending this year totals only 17.8 per cent of her budget.

He said the percentage allocated to defence was 20.3 of last year's budget and 23.8 in 1952, when Russia had a record peace-time arms expenditure.

The Soviet state budget has never itemised many items of expenditure, generally regarding as coming under the heading of defence.

Zverev, in his speech today, said the defence allocation ensures "the necessary defensive capacity of the country, and the modernisation of the armed forces."

May Day slogans issued in Russia yesterday called on Russian soldiers to "master the new techniques and armaments."

"New techniques" could mean techniques of atomic warfare.

And the appropriations for atomic development remain secret.—China Mail Special.

The British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill was last week presented with five figurines representing characters from Hans Andersen's tales.

At 10, Downing Street, his official residence in London, he received them from Mr Ole Cavling, Editor-in-Chief of Copenhagen newspaper Ekstrablaadet.

The presentation marks Sir Winston's part in the annual broadcast from Odense, Andersen's birthplace, on April 2, the story-teller's birthday. Mr Cavling inaugurated the broadcasts five years ago and each year since then has had the programme introduced by a world famous figure.

And to each of these five figurines goes a presentation set of figurines in costly Royal Copenhagen china. The picture shows Sir Winston Churchill being shown one of the figurines—the Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep—by Mr Ole Cavling. Mr Ole Cavling is on right.

## Alpinists To Attempt K-2 Climb

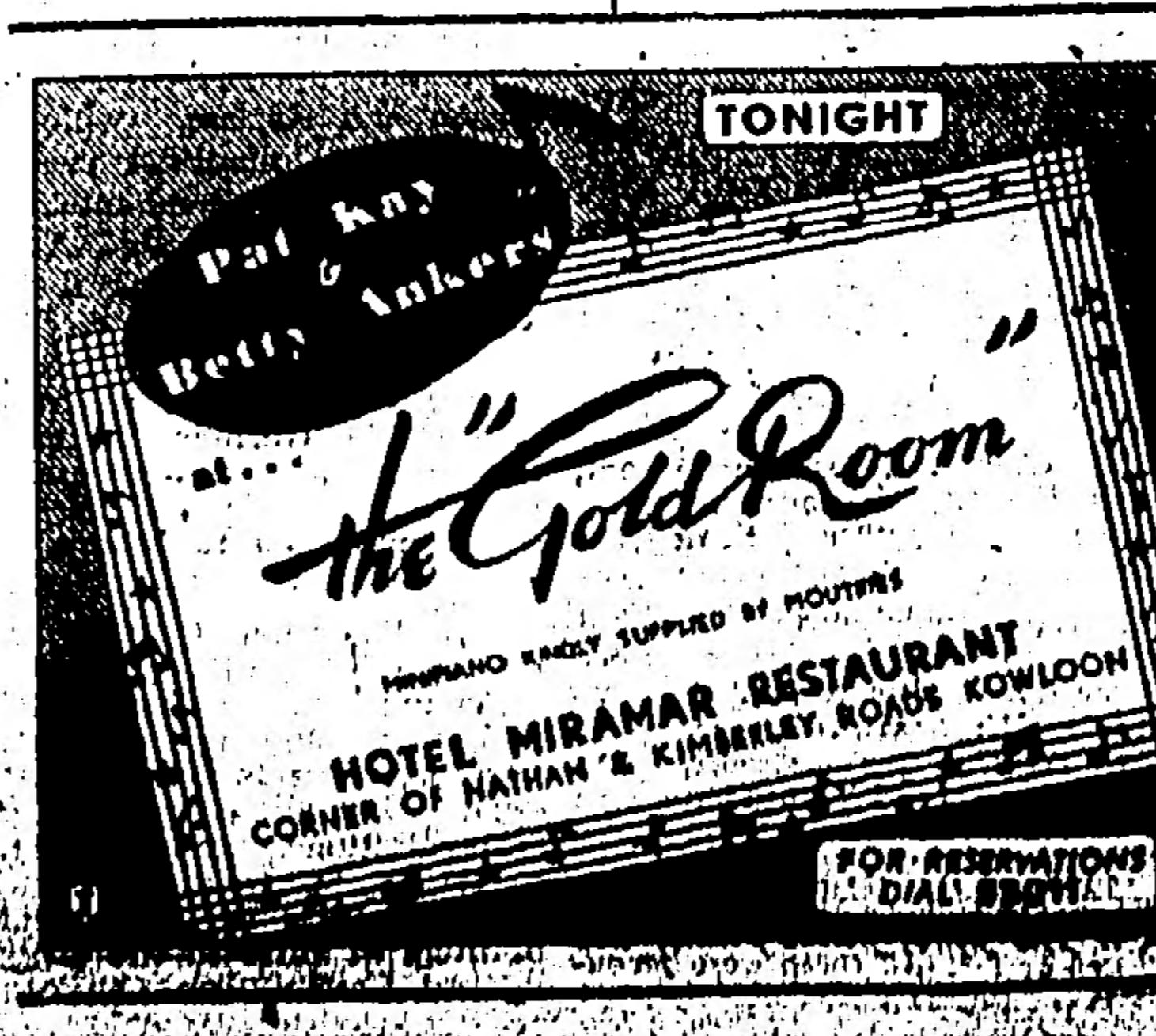
Rome, Apr. 21. Ten Italian Alpinists left here by air yesterday for Karachi on the first leg of their attempt to climb the second highest mountain in the world—Mt Godwin Austen, otherwise known as K-2.

The mountain is 28,250 feet higher than Mt Everest, conquered by Sir John Hunt's expedition last May.

At Karachi the climbers will be joined by Professor Arturo Desio, one of Italy's outstanding geologists, who will lead the assault on the Himalayan peak.

Desio, who carried out exploratory expeditions on the slopes of K-2 last November, has assembled 250 native porters and guides and 10 tons of equipment for the attempt on the peak.

An attempt in August, 1953, by an American-led party to scale K-2 ended in tragedy when geologist Arthur K. Gilkey lost his life in a blizzard.—United Press.



## ★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

## The Very Strange Life Of Dr Oppenheimer

New York, Tuesday. D Robert Oppenheimer, who is known here as the man who made the atom bomb, talked to his doctor the day the headlines screamed. He wasn't worrying about himself, although he has just been suspended by the Atomic Energy Commission, pending review of his security file. He was worried about his wife who is ill with measles and has a broken ankle.

It was typical of the man that his main concern in this, the great crisis of his life, was with the welfare of his wife rather than himself.

Oppenheimer, a lean, handsome man, aged 50, is warm-hearted and loaded with charm. He is not absent-minded, eccentric, or "long-haired," in the tradition of scientists and professors.

## Friends rally

HE has as many friends as any professor in the United States, and they are rallying to his side. To the red brick house, Olden Manor, in Princeton, New Jersey, where Oppenheimer, his wife, and their two children live, came streams of messages of support from his colleagues. Dr Vannevar Bush, Dr James Conant, and Professor Albert Einstein head the list of prominent scientists who are backing Oppenheimer against the charges that he is a security risk because of his alleged associations with Communists in the past.

The most effective defender of Oppenheimer's record will be the doctor himself. He is a fighter.

When the Government told him, some weeks ago, that charges of associating with Communists and hiring Communists for scientific projects were to be made against him he was given the chance of resigning from his posts as member of President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee and adviser to the Departments of State and Defense and the National Security Council, but he chose to fight.

## A mineralogist

OPPENHEIMER was meant to be a scientist. When he was only five years old, visiting his grandfather in Germany, he was given a little box of minerals as a present, and he began a collection which soon filled his nursery. He sometimes says: "I was a fully-fledged mineralogist by the time I was eight."

When he was 11 Oppenheimer was elected a member of the New York Mineralogical Club, and at 12 he read his first paper at one of its meetings. He was a very assured youth.

From minerals he switched to chemistry and from chemistry to more intricate science.

"It was a very exciting experience," he said not long ago, "when I first learned of the atomic bomb."

At the Ethical Culture School and at Harvard he was a prodigy. In his late teens he went to Europe for further study—Cambridge and Goettingen, Leyden, Zurich—adding modern languages to his Latin and Greek.

By the time he was 24—"I was bursting with knowledge"—he

was a professor at the California Institute of Technology. This is one of the strange periods of a very strange life.

In his mid-twenties he cut himself off from the outer world. In his reply to charges against him he wrote the other day: "I studied and read Sanskrit."

## Became social

OPPENHEIMER didn't worry about material things—all his life he has never had to. His father was a German-Jewish emigrant who made a great deal of money as a textile importer.

After the period of shuttling himself away from the world Oppenheimer (his nickname among his intimates is Oppie) became social. There was a period when he went in for fast cars, very dry Martinis, elaborate food and parties, and then his conscience began to trouble him.

He worried about the Depression and seeing fine young scientists break because they couldn't get jobs. He worried about the Nazi outrages against the Jews.

At Los Alamos he poured out his energy and his genius.

Then, on July 16, 1945, he saw the culmination of his work—the atomic explosion. As he watched the blast he told later that two lines ran through his mind:

"I had become Death."

"The shatterer of the world."

For years he has tried to keep out of politics. Today he has been plunged deeply into them.

## HENRIETTA LAYS AN ATOMIC EGG

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

A WHITE LEGHORN hen called Henrietta has laid a radioactive Easter egg worth £200—so that an atom scientist and London doctor could find out more about how people build up resistance to germs.

Dr J. R. Catch, the atom scientist, "fed" a green pond plant with a gas containing the costly radioactive substance carbon 14. This was at the Government's radiochemical centre at Amersham, Bucks.

The process was so expensive that an amount of the plant to cover a sixpence cost £300. This amount was sent to the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill.

There Dr John Humphrey fed the plant to Henrietta in the most expensive meal ever given to a hen. The next egg she laid was not radioactive, but the one after contained so much

carbon 14 that it was valued at £200.

No egg was ever handled so carefully. And the radioactive albumen from this egg is being used in the anti-germ experiments.

What happened to Henrietta? She was unharmed by the experiment, but she was nevertheless killed—in the taxpayers' interest.

For she still contained much of the carbon 14, which is now being extracted for further experiments.

NOTE: In the British 1951 film "Mr Drake's Duck," Mrs Drake (Yolande Donlan) bought a duck which laid an egg which went "boiled" when hit.

The egg turned out to contain uranium, whereupon Mr Drake (Douglas Fairbanks Jr.) found his farm declared a prohibited area.

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HAT trouble is what I'm having and in two places at the same time: London and Hamburg.

In London readers have protested that the smart black bowler which sometimes decorates this column makes me look like a gangster. So to please them I bought a bowler. A larger and more curly-brimmed bowler than most.

In my new bowler I sallied forth into Berkeley Street. On the opposite corner stood a man also wearing a bowler. He grinned at me. I grinned cheerfully back, thinking he was someone I should know.

He dashed across the street, pushed a slip of paper into my pocket, said: "Put those on for me," and vanished.

Three names were on that slip. I discovered they were three houses down the road at Newmarket that afternoon.

In Hamburg the weekly Die Zeit, to lend authority to

an angry and scurrilous attack on me over my "How Dead is Hitler?" series draws a portrait showing me in what is obviously a Gestapo man's hat.

The headline says:—

"Wie tot ist Setton Delmer?"

The means: "How dead is Setton Delmer?"

I have stopped wearing a hat.

But even that "Gestapo" hat has not stopped Germans writing to me about my articles.

Nine out of 10 letters tell me that I am right. Quite a number claim that the revival of militarism and Nazism, which is beginning to manifest itself in Germany today, is as much the fault of the British and American "re-educators" as it is of the Germans.

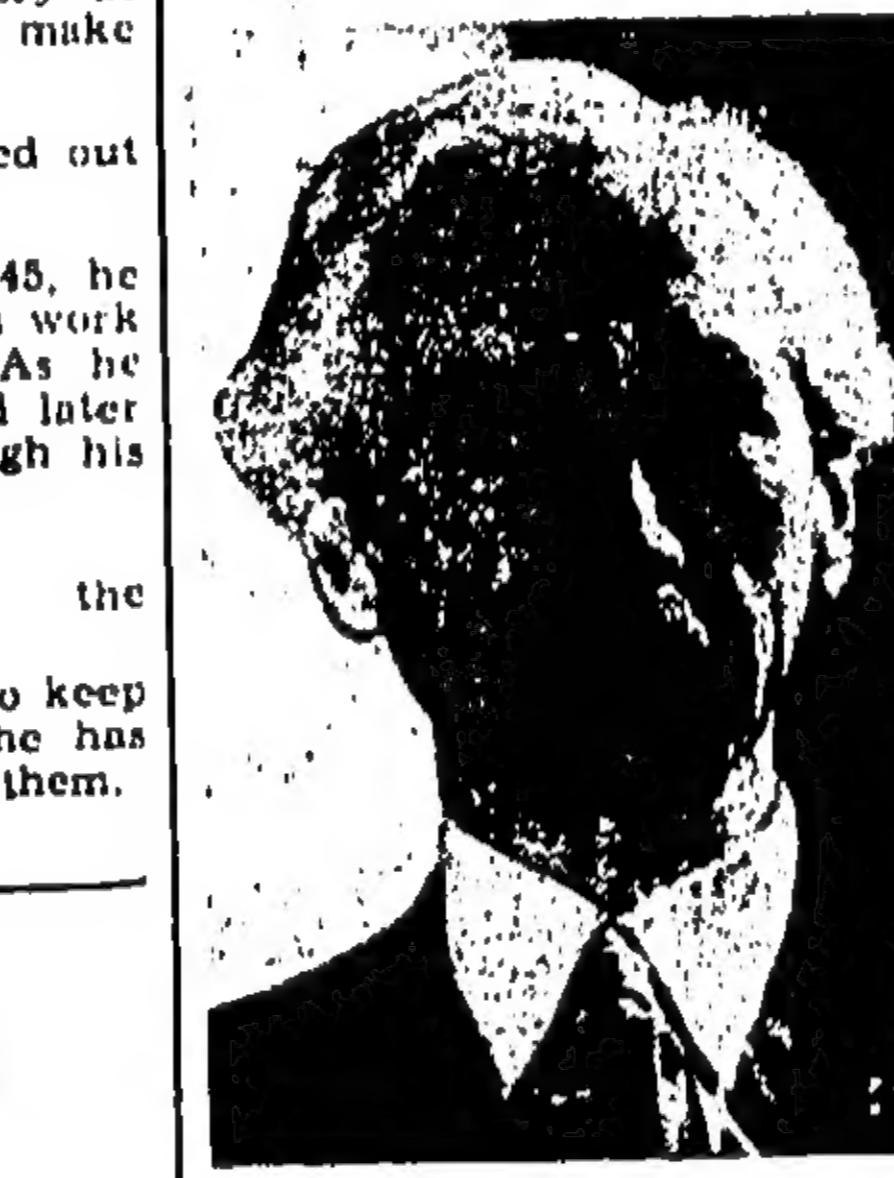
Now I know it is a national vice of the Germans to excuse themselves in this way and put responsibility for their own shortcomings on to others.

But this time, I think, they are out on solid ground in attacking our allied postwar policy of having encouraged present trends in Germany. Our swift "transformation" from "one militarism" and "wholesome arms" of German militarists and diplomats to enforcement of their allies in the struggle against Communism have in



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THE BOMB  
Where Do We Go From Here?

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**BERTRAND RUSSELL, mathematician, philosopher, answers the questions that everyone is asking (in an interview with Robert Waithman)**

## HE FORETOLD IT.....

In November 1945, in a speech in the House of Lords on the atomic bomb, BERTRAND RUSSELL said:

"It is possible that some mechanism, analogous to the present atomic bomb, could be used to set off a much more violent explosion which would be obtained if one could synthesise heavier elements out of hydrogen. All that must take place if our scientific civilisation goes on, if it does not bring itself to destruction; all that is bound to happen."

think that, so long as the explosions are few, marine life will be grievously affected.

It is affected now by oil pollution, isn't it—though that is much less dramatic a story?

NONE whatever, unless we have found a way of causing the Russian experiments to be stopped, too.

In my opinion there is only one way. It is to convince the Russians beyond doubt that they can win no victory; that they cannot ever Communise the world with the hydrogen bomb; perhaps they are beginning to feel that. It seems to me to be significant that the Russian leaders are now allowing the Russian people to know of the devastation to be expected from an atomic war.

But we would hasten the process. I would invite all the governments of the world, and particularly the Russians, to send observers to see the results of the American tests. It ought to be made as plain as can be.

There is one more thing we should do. We should diminish the anti-Communist trades that are now so freely indulged in. Perhaps they are beginning to feel that. It seems to me to be significant that the Russian leaders are now allowing the Russian people to know of the devastation to be expected from an atomic war.

If you have perpetually mounting crises, of course, it will be different. The truth is, though, that the thought of an old peril, however great, will not distract people from their daily jobs.

You will have observed that since the first atom bombs were exploded the birth rate has continued to go up. That is a reliable test.

I should say that the fear of unemployment—which is something everyone understands, has a much greater social effect than the fear of atom bombs.

And the international effects? Do we seem to you to have reached a strategic stalemate? Is there now a new basis for discussion between Russia and the West?

And there would have to be an international inspectorate to ensure that this law is maintained.

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The H-bomb tests must be helping to persuade them. Hence to put off the tests would simply be to put off the day of agreement. It is, of course, always saying that we, the Russians, are ready to negotiate to agree to it.

As the man in the street, if he is prepared to have the British Navy—particularly the Royal Navy—on his side, will stand on end.

By SEFTON DELMER

## MY HAT LEADS TO TROUBLE

these experiments are too dangerous, I don't think we have reached that point yet.

If there were a hydrogen-bomb war it is quite clear that practically everybody in London would perish. A shower of hydrogen bombs would almost certainly sterilise large agricultural areas, and the resulting famine would be fearful.

But we are talking of the current tests, in peace-time. I do not expect disaster from them. I think those who may have been showered with radioactive ash, memorable clarity. I put a succession of questions to him and he answered them thus:

Is there any justification for alarm at the thought that some disastrous miscalculation may occur in the H-bomb tests?

THOUGH, obviously, there will come a time when remember well. I do not

think that, so long as the explosions are few, marine life will be grievously affected.

You see no virtue in any proposal that the experiments should be stopped?

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# FOUR FILIPINO AND ONE MALAYAN SHUTTLE IN COLONY OPEN TOURNEY

By "ARGONAUT"

Four Filipino and one Malayan shuttle are among the 46 entries who will contest the 12th Hongkong Badminton Open Senior Championships which are scheduled to begin on Monday next at St. Teresa's and Recreio.

The Senior Men's Singles event has attracted a total of 16 entries. Conspicuous by its absence is the entry of the Colony title-holder, Ramon Young, who will not be defending his title on medical advice.

Last year's runner-up, Bill Funk, has been given the top-seeded berth and Robert Tay, Jimmy Ku and Johnny Remedios Jr., the other three seeded planes.

The Philippine shuttlers have not arrived in the Colony yet but are expected to have tremendously improved since they were last here.

Strongest contender, however, among the foreign participants will be top-seeded foreign entry, Lim Yen-seng, formerly of Selangor, Malaya, and now of Singapore Cricket Club.

Lim was a former Junior Champion of Selangor and a Senior semi-finalist last year when he was eliminated by

Malayan runner-up Lim Koon-yum.

He has shown impressive form during practices and is tipped to fight out the final with Bill Funk, who, however, will probably face with strong opposition from Johnny Remedios Jr.

The following is the list of the draw and the programme of the first night's games:

**Men's Singles:** Robert Tay v D. C. Lau; Ko Wai Wong v Y. S. Kim-piao (P); Y. S. Lim (M) v Kim-piao (P); Y. S. Lim (M) v Ku Tiong-lam (P); M. A. Ibrahim v Jimmy Ku; F. M. Rozario v E. Marquez Lim; J. A. Soares v J. B. Remedios; A. Torres (P) v Simeon Haw (P); Liu Si-gan (P) v Bill Funk.

**Mixed Doubles:** P. H. Wong and Robert Tay v J. B. Remedios and J. A. Soares; M. A. Ibrahim and P. V. Yap v F. M. Rozario and J. C. Koh; Simeon Haw and Liu Si-gan (P) v Bill Funk and Wong Kai-cheng; Jimmy Ku and Ko Wah-ting v A. Torres and Sy Kim-piao (P); A. B. Xavier and A. A. da Rosa v Albert Tam and Y. S. Lim (M); J. A. Brown and B. A. Brown v Ramon Young and W. J. Foo.

**Mixed Doubles:** P. H. Wong and Ulian Khoo bye; Bill Funk and Diana Yung v Lam Ming-tak and Dorothy Lam; Jimmy Ku and Betty Yung v W. F. Foo and Gloria Sequeira; H. Tay and Helen Kwong v Y. S. Lim and Mary Wong; B. K. Lai and K. F. Lee v Ramon Young and Winnie Cheung.

**Ladies' Singles:** Helen Kwong bye; Cinder Ho v' B. Remedios; Mary Wong v Ulian Khoo.

**Ladies' Doubles:** Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung v Cinder Ho and Ho Shick-kun; B. Remedios and S. Corros v Helen Kwong and Mary Wong.

The following matches have been scheduled for Monday April 26:

**Ladies' Singles:** Cinder Ho v B. Remedios at 7 p.m.

**Men's Singles:** F. M. Rozario v E. Marquez Lim at 7.30 p.m.; Y. S. Lim (M) v Jimmy Ku at 8 p.m.; J. A. Soares v J. B. Remedios and Sy Kim-piao (P) at 8.30 p.m.; Bill Funk and Liu Si-gan (P) at 9 p.m.

**Men's Doubles:** Lim Koon-yum v Kim-piao (P) at 7.30 p.m.; A. Torres (P) v Simeon Haw (P) at 8 p.m.

**Ladies' Singles:** Ulian Khoo v Bill Funk at 8 p.m.

**Mixed Doubles:** Jimmy Ku and Dorothy Lam at 7.30 p.m.; Ramon Young and Winnie Cheung v B. K. Lai and K. F. Lee at 8.30 p.m.

**NOTICE**

During the team's local engagements, some of the players will wear boots and some will not, according to the condition of the ground, Mr Mahanti said.

**BOOTS COMPULSORY**

He pointed out, however, that the Indian Football Federation has made it compulsory for players to play with boots in tournament matches in India.

Mr Mahanti said that although hockey was the national game in India, football matches had always drawn a bigger crowd.

On the evening of April 24, the visitors will be entertained to a dinner by members of the India Association at New Bharat Club.

On hand at Kai Tak to greet the arrivals this morning were Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association; Mr Victor Mursak, Secretary of India Association; Mr C. S. Wang, Chairman of the Interport Sub-Committee; and a representative from the Office of the Indian Commissioner.

Asked of the visiting team's prospect in the Colony, Mr Mahanti said: "We have come here to play three games, and we hope to repeat our performance of 1950."

Seven of the visiting players were members of an Indian team

that visited the Colony in 1950 and 1951.

**PEACE MISSION**

Mr Sebastian Ugarte, Philippine football official who was due to arrive here last Saturday, will now arrive this Saturday.

According to Manila press reports Mr Ugarte, who is coming on business for a leading Philippine company, during his short stay here will try to "patch up" the strained football relations between Hongkong and Manila.

He is bringing a letter from the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation to the H.K. Football Association clarifying matters connected with the Philippines Foreign Office refusal to grant visas to 12 local Chinese student footballers.

**BURMESE TEAM**

Burma's Asian Games contingent will arrive here by CPA on Saturday at 5.15 p.m. en route to Manila.

**CEYLON'S TEAM**

Ceylon's team of six for the Asian Games left for Manila today by air.

The team consists of two boxers, one wrestler, one swimmer, one high jumper and one woman sprinter.—Reuter.

## NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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### Hungary Wants To Stage 1960 Olympics

Paris, Apr. 21.

Mr Gyula Hegyi, Chairman of the Hungarian National Sports Committee, said here that he hoped that Hungary would be allowed to organize the 1960 Olympic Games.

Hegyi, who is in Paris with the Hungarian table-tennis players taking part in the French international championships, said that work was being pushed ahead on enlarging one of Budapest's biggest stadia from its present 50,000 capacity to accommodate 105,000 spectators.—Reuter.

### Flash Elorde Earns Right To Title Fight

Tokyo, Apr. 21. Final Elorde of the Philippines tonight earned the right to challenge Orient featherweight champion Shigeji Kaneko of Japan by winning a unanimous 10-round decision over Japan's top featherweight Hiroshi Ogasawara.

Ring Magazine editor Nat Fleischer was among the 3,000 fans who packed Tokyo's Kuramae (Japan) arena to see the Filipino win a close fight virtually by the only knock-down in the fourth round.

Elorde's right hook was his most effective punch. Both fighters were over the featherweight limit. Elorde weighed 128 pounds and Ogasawara 126.—United Press.

### Preston Are 5-4 Cup Final Favourites

London, Apr. 21.

Preston North End were made favourites for the first time to beat West Bromwich Albion in the English Football Association Cup final on May 1 at a callow age at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Preston were quoted at odds of five to four on.—Reuter.



(Edited, by Marshall Fallows)

Soccer is a tricky business. Ask former Cup Final referee Arthur Ellis (Halifax), and he'll tell you:—

"I know of one club where the players are detailed to obstruct in turn when a free kick is taken against them."

"The idea, of course, is that a referee warns a player the first time for obstruction, takes drastic action for the second offence."

"This rota system ensures only one warning...and the club concerned thinks it's well worth while to hold up free-kicks till the defence is in position."

**NEVER COMPLAINS**

Stan Cullis, master of Molineux, never complains when his Wolves are on England duty at the peak of the League season.

"Gives 'em confidence," says Cullis. "Look at Jimmy Mullen. Argyle will visit Hollywood. 'The boys tell me they expect bearded Jack Chisholm to get a big offer to stay,'" cracks manager Jimmy Rae.

"It's a question he cannot answer. Strange though it sounds," says Johnny. "I've never seen Peter play."

Manager Ted Drake gives three-star junior ratings to Roy Forsey (back), inside-forwards Derek Saunders, Jim Lewis, Len Casey are at Stamford Bridge.

Stanley Matthews has promised to play in a benefit game at Leyton on April 21 for Tommy Brown, the former Charlton and Leyton Orient half-back.

Brown, who has worked as a film extra, had to give up the game through serious injury just over a year ago. It happened at Leyton where Orient were playing Bristol Rovers.

Said Brown: "Just a knock on an awkward spot. I'll be all right for next week."

That knock turned out to be a badly torn Achilles tendon.

**NO BIDS FOR HARMER**

No bids yet for Tommy Harmer. The smug: "Spurs are insisting on a player in exchange for their 25-year-old inside forward. And by player they mean a star or starlet."

Harmer has asked to go—and he will if the right offer comes along, despite his match-winning form against Hibernian and Huddersfield in two recent games.

The club most in need of Harmer—and the one able to offer the right man in exchange—are Arsenal. And Arsenal are Spurs' North London rivals.

Plymouth Argyle play Dortmund twice this summer...without setting foot in Germany. For Dortmund are a United

Asian holder of the World Championship last year, by 11-21, 21-14, 21-17, 21-15.

The women's title went to Mika G. Gervai, Hungary, who beat Miss K. Watemoto of Japan 14-21, 21-17, 19-21, 21-21 in the final.

Argyle reached the men's final by eliminating his compatriot K. Tamura, 21-16, 19-21, 21-17, 21-14, and Sido by beating Y. Tomita, 13-21, 21-12, 21-12, 13-21, 21-19.

The clash of the 1953 and 1954 World Champions, Sido and Oginura, was one of the highlights of the championships.

Oginura played a totally different game from his semi-final with Tamura and proved much too fast for the giant Hungarian, whose defence was his strongest point.

The third set was the most exciting of the four. Oginura moved swiftly and brought off some spectacular returns which were loudly applauded by the crowd of 2,500 spectators.

**WOMEN'S FINAL**

As expected, the women's singles final was a close and thrilling match, particularly the first four sets in which there was very little between the two world class players.

Mrs Gervai raced to a 13-2 lead in the fifth and deciding set and Miss Watemoto never got on terms. The Japanese Champion was erratic in the final set and noted, or overhit the ball with several wild drives.

Both fighters were over the weight limit. Elorde weighed 128 pounds and Ogasawara 126.—United Press.

**HOME RUGGER RESULTS**

London, Apr. 21. Cross Keys beat Newbridge 7-1 in a Rugby Union match today.

Leigh beat an Italian touring team 35-7 in a Rugby League match yesterday.

The all-Japanese contest between two evenly matched partnerships was another exciting match.

Kawai, a student at Senshi University, Tokyo, and Miss Goto, who holds the Japanese Mixed Doubles title, were always able to produce a little more speed than their rivals.—Reuter.

# PORTUGAL WIN INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FINAL

Portugal became deserving winners of the International Hockey Tournament when they beat Pakistan in the final yesterday by the only goal, scored by A. A. Dos Remedios Jr., in the 10th minute of the game.

Led by veteran Willy Reed, the Champions showed superior teamwork and made good use of their greater experience by repeatedly putting the Pakistani attack out of gear with their off-side game.

Pakistan put up a gallant performance and never gave up, trying even to the final whistle, but were thwarted throughout the game, greatly handicapped by over-anxiety and stage-fright in their first final of the series.

Specialty affected were the forward, and this caused the Pakistanis to fall on the defensive for a large part of the game.

**VALIANT DEFENCE**

People often ask Johnny Berry, Manchester United's international outside-right, for an opinion on the soccer prospects of his younger brother Peter, who fills the same position for Crystal Palace.

The dinner is likely to be held in May, after Vale have completed a fortnight's Continental tour.

Great days for Vale... seems only months ago that the club celebrated the opening of their new ground, Vale Park.

How about Bill Petersley as an inside-forward? Not such a shattering thought those who have seen Bill's ability to take the ball through the opposition and try a pot at goal. Don't be surprised if you see Bill in the Blackburn attack someday... could be next season.

Balk control, ability to size up quickly opportunities to nip through... and a terrific shot. Bill has the lot. So could be that manager Johnny Carey will make the experiment next season in private trial games.

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He is supposed to be no boxer. Yet he is World Champion. His name? Carl "Bobo" Olson. In October he beat Randolph Turpin for the world middleweight title and, earlier this month he successfully defended it against Cuba's Kid Gavilan.

Few World Champions have been more maligned than this American ex-sailor, born in Hawaii of a Portuguese mother and Swedish father. His arrival in boxing's "Big Time" was unheralded. Indeed, until matched with Turpin, he was unknown outside America.

Even victory over the British Champion did not send him to the top of the popularity poll. Only once did he fail—four years ago when Sugar Ray stopped him in the 12th round.

And all the time Olson stays on his feet he scores points. He is a busy fighter. He may be unspectacular, but he is always doing something.

Many fighters score their points in exciting rallies that the crowd roars. Not Olson. He wins his fights during the dull periods.

Nothing seems to be happening. The tension relaxed spectators save their breath for exchanges to come. Olson, unimpaired, untested, goes about the mind-numbing business of scoring points.

**BOXING'S JOURNEYMAN**

He is thorough, enough to make the most of his limited capabilities. His favorite punches best illustrate this.

These are short left hooks to the body and right uppercuts that sum up the Olson success story. He stays the distance. Only once did he fail—four years ago when Sugar Ray stopped him in the 12th round.

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## Oldest Photographer In The World?



Thought to be the oldest working photographer in the world, Mr. Tom Watson, aged 91, of Lythe, near Whitley, Yorkshire, was a delegate at the congress of the Institute of British Photographers in Scarborough, Yorkshire, where he is known taking a photograph of some of the other delegates. Though science has assisted photographers greatly in the last 25 years, Mr. Watson still uses no artificial lighting whatsoever either in his studio or in his darkroom. Printing and enlarging are done by daylight obtained through a hole in the darkroom wall. Many of Mr. Watson's pictures have been exhibited in Britain and on the Continent.—Reuterphoto.

## Japan's Geisha Girls Are Becoming Swamped In Red Tape

Osaka, Japan, Apr. 21.

Japan's leading Geisha teacher, Yuzaburo Sakaguchi, is trying to restore the Geisha to her pre-war glory.

Sitting on the polished oaken floor of his Yamato-ya Geisha school in Osaka, Sakaguchi said that Geishas today have become part of a vast bureaucratic system. Twelve government forms have to be filled up before a Geisha can accept a customer, he explained unhappily, and what is more, the morals of today's Geishas are distinctly less rigid than they used to be.

As Sakaguchi talked, twenty young girls dressed in colourful kimonos were practising the intricate motions of a traditional Geisha dance.

Looking at them rather and converse with them now and then to gain instructions, Sakaguchi said that all the Geishas working in Japan today were either untrained or "rather old." It takes five years to train a Geisha girl and all the schools were closed during the war. The Yamato-ya, one of the two schools left in Japan, reopened three years ago.

"In two or three years there will be some very good Geishas," he declared, "but now" he slumped his shoulders.

Genuine Geishas are dinner companions and entertainers of expensive Japanese-style restaurants. They help to serve the numerous dishes, pour sake

### Health And Height

The girls are usually apprentices to the school by their families. Applicants are picked for health, good appearance, height (not less than five feet) and good family background. They are under contract to the school and cannot leave without permission.

After their classes every day, the girls work as waitresses in the elaborate Yamato-ya restaurant to which the school is attached. For this, they are paid 3,000 yen (about £23 sterling) a month, their board, food and clothing being supplied by the restaurant.

After she has passed her final examination, the prospective Geisha faces the Commission of Examination for Geisha, which, if she is found suitable presents her with a "Diploma of Accomplishment." She then starts work at her old restaurant as a full-fledged Geisha.

She begins at a salary of 20,000 yen (about £20 sterling) a month, plus tips from customers. A good Geisha will get up to 100,000 yen (about £100 sterling) in tips a month.

Geishas say that most of this goes on clothes, which they supply themselves. The remainder is saved for their old age. Most Geishas retire at between 35 and 40. They then use their savings to set themselves up in a small business, usually a restaurant or teashop.

### Morals Decline

The top Japanese Geisha at present is Takehara Hin, who works in Tokyo. She is not attached to any particular restaurant and probably earns as much as a top industrial executive—the class from which she gets most of her income.

The policy of continuing to impose import controls long after the need for them had passed was wrong and morally as well as economically unjustified.—United Press.

### Orchestra's Tour

London, Apr. 20.

The 112 members of the London Schools Symphony orchestra left London via Harwich today for Rotterdam to give six concerts in the Netherlands, three for children and three for adults.

The tour ends on April 29 with a gala performance at Rotterdam's Rivierenhof.

They are travelling as guests of the Dutch Association of World Friends—China Mail Special.

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

### Slow Start For Commonwealth Finance Company

Suitable applications for use of the Commonwealth Development Finance Company's facilities "have not yet come forward in the volume which might have been anticipated," said the Chairman, Sir Frederick Godber, in his first annual report.

The Company was set up by a number of prominent British business houses following the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' economic conference of December, 1952.

Its main object is "to provide or procure financial facilities of all kinds for the development of the natural and other resources of any part of the Commonwealth."

The Company will not itself take a direct part in such development work, but will help to finance approved projects when private enterprise is unable to obtain capital from other sources.

Sir Frederick Godber attributes the shortage of suitable applicants to three factors:

1. It takes time for the functions of a new organisation, like the Company, to become known and understood by potential borrowers.

2. Sound development projects are already to a large extent being financed through other channels.

3. There are many cases of good development ideas which fail to emerge as serious and considered projects, and this may be due to the sponsor not having access to the right technical and consultant advice in the preparation of his plans.

### MANY APPLICATIONS

The Company is "giving some thought" to the latter possibility "in collaboration with the International Bank, the Federation of British Industries, and others."

But if the right kind of applications have failed to materialise in the expected number, there has been no shortening of applications that fail to qualify.

Sir Frederick says the Company has received a number of applications, the large majority being unsuitable to detailed consideration.

Of the rest, two or three were of some importance, but "for various reasons", did not result in the agreements on terms. One was not pursued by the Company because it was thought from the outset that it could be.

Foreign traders are often taken to Geisha houses, and the girls are learning English. In some cases, English phrases show up interestingly. And a day in traditional-style Geisha songs.

Sakaguchi said that the morals of Geisha girls have declined greatly since the war. But he believes that good training will soon restore their damaged morals.

A greater problem, according to restaurant owners, is the complex labour law which covers political negotiations go on in Geisha houses. The Geisha house is the Japanese equivalent of the American "smoke-filled back room."

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CASEBOOK

## FULL ASTERN

SAMMY was thinking of buying a car, second hand. "Tell you what," said the man who was selling the car, to Sammy: "I'll leave her outside my house. If I'm not in, help yourself. Have a good look at her." Sammy agreed to do that.

On the evening he had named, he went to the address he had been given and found the car parked outside a garage. It looked to be, as the owner had said it was, a bargain.

The only trouble was that a car parked immediately behind it made it impossible for Sammy to inspect the car he wanted to buy, as thoroughly as he would have liked.

NEAR MISS

SAMMY decided the other car would have to be moved. He opened its door, stepped into the driving seat, switched on the engine, and fumbled around for the reverse gear position, trying to remember from the driving lessons he had been taking where it was likely to be.

He pressed the self-starter, put it in the clutch, shifted the gear lever.

He had found reverse, all right. The car shot backwards towards a road crossing. A bus was half-way across. The driver saw Sammy coming at him in reverse and jammed on his brakes.

When he was within a couple of yards of ramming the stationary bus, Sammy remembered from his driving lessons, where the brake lever was. He stopped and breathed again.

DIRECT HIT

THE bus driver breathed again, too, and resumed his journey. Sammy gently put his car into first gear, as he thought. But it was reverse he had found again. This time he hit the bus, prodding it gently amidstship.

Sammy found first gear, and broke off the action, meaning to return the car to where he had found it. The bus driver followed, indignant, on foot. Sammy parked his car and bolted.

He was presently found, and in due course brought to the Lambeth court, where he pleaded guilty to a number of charges that included taking and driving away a car without its owner's consent, and driving without due care and attention.

"When he was arrested," said a police officer to Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, the magistrate, "this man said: 'This would happen, just when I was meaning to get a car of my own and do the test.'

"He's a man of good character," the officer went on, "and by trade he is a demonstrator."

SHUTTLECOCK

"NOT of how to drive, I hope," said the magistrate.

"A demonstrator of kitchen utensils, sir. He has been out of work for some weeks and was thinking of rejoining the Merchant Navy, which he has been in before, and where his pay would be £24 a month and his keep."

"Tell me, could you have paid compensation, if you'd knocked anyone down in that car?" the magistrate asked Sammy.

"No, sir," said Sammy, a fair-haired 23-year-old. "I was just invited to look at the car and..."

"But you didn't have to drive up and down like a shuttlecock?"

"No, sir."

BACK TO SEA

HE was ordered to pay a total of £9 10s in fines and compensation for the damage he had done. He was also disqualified from driving for one year.

"I shall remand this case for three months. You must pay the money in that time," said the magistrate. "If you go back to sea you can send it."

"Yes, sir," said Sammy, and rolled off with a marinier's gait to look for a job on the safe, broad sea. In a ship whose controls would be unambiguously labelled "Full astern" and "Full ahead." —Reuter.

## Laniel's Appeal To Bao Dai

Paris, Apr. 21. French Premier Joseph Laniel today appealed to Bao Dai, head of the Vietnamese State, to use his personal influence to speed up the conclusion of the Vietnamese independence negotiations.

French and Vietnamese officials were confident tonight that the basic agreement would be ready for signature before the start of the Geneva conference on Monday.

But despite six weeks of negotiations, details on military, economic, legal and cultural relations between the two countries still remain to be settled out.

M. Laniel was also reported to have assured Bao Dai during the two-hour conference that American press reports from Tokyo about secret French negotiations with the Vietnamese rebels were totally untrue.

Vietnamese officials said the draft political agreement, to which the two delegations are putting the final touches, met Vietnam's requirements for complete sovereignty.

The political agreement will consist of two separate treaties, one granting Vietnam total independence, and the other settling out the association between the two countries on terms of complete equality within the French Union, informed quarters said.

This meant that France had abandoned her previous demand that both subjects should be covered in one single treaty.

The Vietnamese Government maintained that future association with France would only have any real value if it was able to sign the treaty as a completely sovereign partner.

Both the French and American Governments are eager that the basis of Vietnam's independence should be settled before the Geneva conference, to remove the possibility of Communist accusations that Vietnam was a "French puppet." —Reuter.

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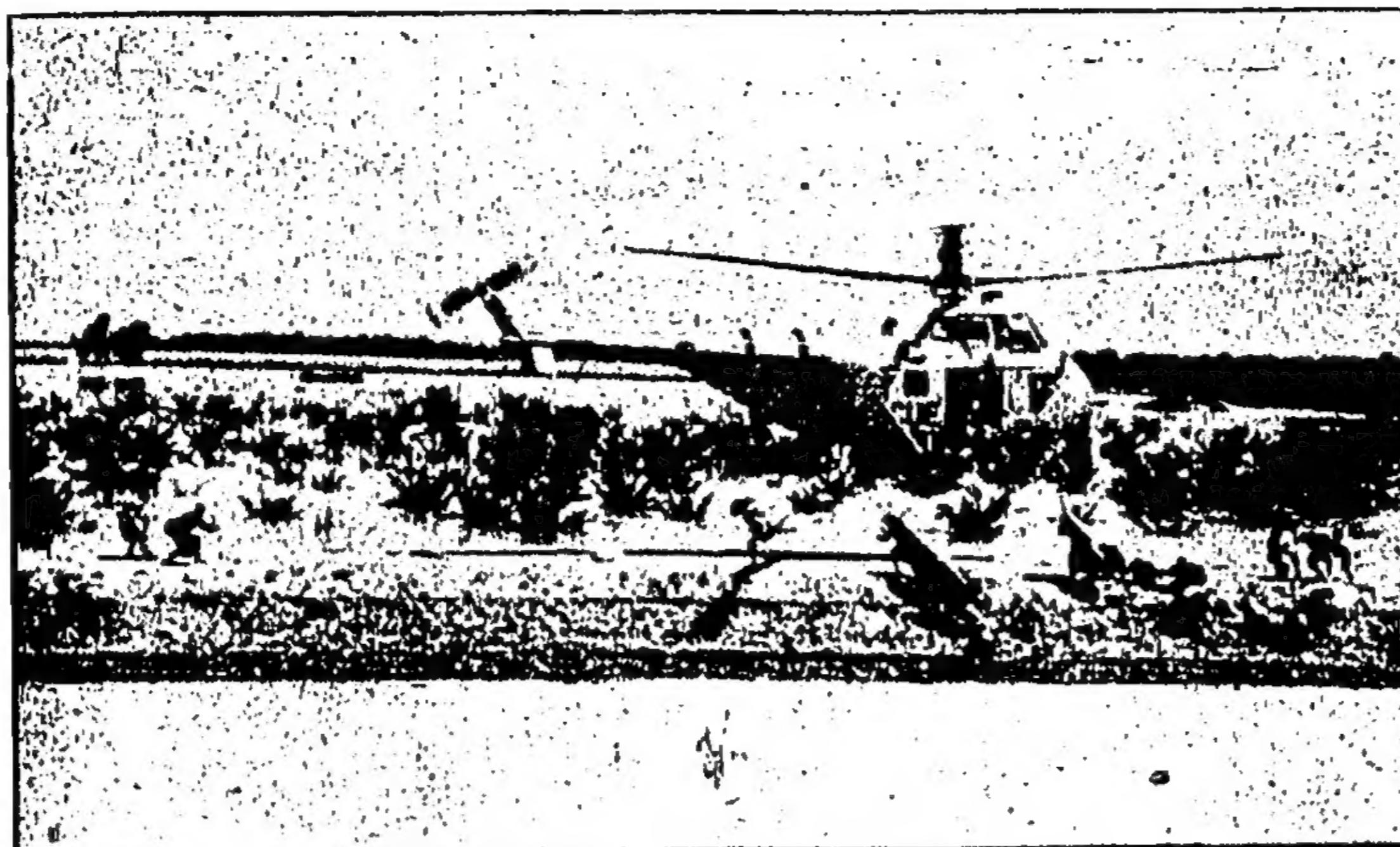
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## Air Lift For Iraq Flood Victims



## Washington Assesses Free World's Response To United Action Plea

Washington, Apr. 21.

The State Department said today that the free world's response to America's call for "united action" on Indo-China had made it clear to the Communists "that the free nations will not tolerate the piecemeal takeover of Southeast Asia."

It added in a background paper that China must now be fully aware of the grave consequences of "continued aggression" (in Indo-China).

"That knowledge may be the key to peace in Asia," the Department said.

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## MAY LEARN MUCH

Much valuable information might be obtained at Geneva. "For example we may learn more fully the extent of Soviet influence on Chinese affairs and we may obtain a clearer picture of immediate Communist intentions and objectives in Asia.

"If the Communist position at Geneva confirms their apparent threat to all the free nations of Asia, it will be to the free world's advantage to lay those intentions bare."

In view of the "Soviet refusal to permit a settlement of the German and Austrian problems" at Berlin, many might doubt that the Communists had any desire to settle the Korean and Indo-Chinese questions.

But should the pattern of the Geneva conference follow that of Berlin "we can expect the coalition of free nations to hold firm against such an assault."

The Department added: "Although we shall be cautious, we shall at the same time approach the conference with an optimistic determination to achieve the greatest possible result."

Many might question attempts to negotiate with the Communists or "raise the question whether there is not a danger that at Geneva we shall be forced to accept de-

Recently Baghdad and its surrounding area experienced the worst floods in the history of Iraq, making it necessary to employ an air lift to rush relief to people marooned by the flood waters. Above is the most moving picture received from the area. It shows one of the helicopters on its errand of mercy, with stricken men, women and children, made homeless by the floods, racing for the dropped supplies with poignant eagerness.

## Portuguese Released By Reds

Macao, Apr. 22.

Looking half-starved and his body much bruised and in rags, a young Portuguese, Antonio Miguel, 23, crossed the border through the Porta do Cerco into Macao, after over a year in Communist captivity in the mainland.

Miguel, who claims that he was attached to a Chinese Nationalist Corp in Taiwan, and to have later infiltrated into the mainland with many others for sabotage work, was caught by the Communists and gaoled.

Transferred to several prisons, he was interrogated each time, until they were convinced that he was a Portuguese born in Macao. He was released from a Canton prison three days ago, sent down the river to Chung-shan where he was told to return to Macao.

At one time, Miguel was an enlisted man in the Portuguese Army. After his discharge, he went to Hongkong.

Later he became a guerrilla during his conversation with the Press, he claimed that he had seen, "somewhere in China," the 21 Americans and one Briton who refused repatriation as prisoners of war in Korea.

Miguel hinted that he was paraded in front of these men to be recognised. — France-Presse.

As Tsang Fat — (1) wounding with intent to murder; (2) wounding with intent (alternative to the first count).

Cheung Cho-wah — murder.

Wong Wal-hung, alias Fa-lau, To Kwni and Wong Pak-hei, To Kwni assault with intent to rob (against all four accused); (2) possession of arms and ammunition (against first and second accused only). This case was adjourned from the last Sessions.

## Assaulted Deaf Mute

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03. Jazz Hall House "prescribed by Robin Day (Studio); 6.30. Portuguese Memory Lane" presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 7.30. "Down Memory Lane" presented by Robin Day (Studio); 8.00. "Weather Report" (Studio); 8.15. "Time Signal and Special Announcements" (Studio); 8.30. "Piano Music" by Geoff Cole (Studio); 8.30. "Take it from Here" (Studio); 8.45. "Sports Review" by Eric Young (Studio); 9.15. "At the Opera" (Studio); 9.30. "Paris" with Georges Sebastian (Studio); 10.10. "Report on the Royal Tour" (Studio); 10.30. "The Twentieth Century Music of E minor" (Recital); 10.45. "Jascha Heifetz (violin) with Artur Rodzinski (conductor)" (Studio); 11.00. "Weather Report"; 11.15. "Time Signal and Radio News Read" (London Relay); 11.30. "Goodnight Music" (Studio); 11.45. "The Queen"; 11.50. "Close Down".

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His Lordship observed that the difference between the parties was in the valuation of the shares and when it was considered the disastrous effect which might come to the Company on the continuation of the case — it did not matter which side won or lost — that you cannot find in Hongkong a man sufficiently expert and sufficiently straightforward and honest to give his reasons for his conclusion any aggrieved party was precluded thereafter in raising the matter.

He would perhaps mention since Mr. Winter did not do so — that the offer of the auditors in arriving at the valuation should give their reasons met, in his respectful submission, with the objection raised in the course of the opening of the case by Mr. Wright, that on expert arriving at a figure and not giving his reasons for his conclusion any aggrieved party was precluded thereafter in raising the matter.

OBJECTION REMOVED

That objection, Counsel submitted, was removed by the offer made in the penultimate paragraph of the letter read to the Court by Mr. Winter, which would result in the auditors raising their reasons.

Mr. Bernacchi said that he felt it was necessary at the present stage to read to the Court a letter of August 20, 1953, addressed to Mr. Seymour by a member of Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company.

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## Falconer Winding-Up Case: Offer To Purchase Shares Is Rejected

An offer to buy the shares of the petitioner on the valuation of Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company was rejected by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, leading Counsel for J. J. O. King when hearing of a petition for the winding up of George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd. resumed this morning before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court.

In rejecting the offer, Mr. Bernacchi referred to and read a letter written by a member of the firm of Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. to Mr. M. W. H. Seymour, and said that in view of that letter "we cannot be expected to have any further confidence that this firm will look after the interests of my client as opposed to the interests of Mr. J. B. Ipekjian who is their primary client."

Mr. Bernacchi repeated his offer that Mr. Ipekjian and his client (Mr. J. J. O. King, the petitioner) should auction each other out and see who won. Counsel went on to say that he would accept any reasonable or alternative suggestion.

His Lordship observed that the difference between the parties was in the valuation of the shares and when it was considered the disastrous effect which might come to the Company on the continuation of the case — it did not matter which side won or lost — that you cannot find in Hongkong a man sufficiently expert and sufficiently straightforward and honest to give his reasons for his conclusion any aggrieved party was precluded thereafter in raising the matter.

Mr. Bernacchi said he would be happy for another adjournment to arrive at a solution and he would accept any reasonable suggestion based by a neutral value.

His Lordship then adjourned the case until 2.30 p.m. today in order that the parties might arrive at a reasonable solution.

When hearing resumed this morning, Mr. R. W. S. Winter said that his clients had given serious consideration to his Lordship's concluding remarks when the case adjourned last Thursday. He said his instructing solicitor had received a letter from the petitioner's solicitor, copy of which was before the Court, and in reply, his instructing solicitor had this morning delivered a letter to the solicitor's petitioner, which Counsel read as follows:

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An objection on the ground that the letter was a private and confidential one and addressed by an individual not representing the Company and should not be admissible was overruled by his Lordship, subject to the possibility of later excluding it from the evidence.

Mr. Bernacchi said that this letter being written by a responsible member of the firm clearly showed that they could not be expected to have any further confidence that the firm would look after the interests of Mr. Ipekjian who was their primary client.

Mr. Bernacchi then repeated his offer that Mr. Ipekjian and Mr. King should auction each other out and following the remarks made by his Lordship, hearing was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. today.

THE LETTER

"We duly received your letter of 20th April and have noted contents.

"Our clients are quite prepared to buy your client's shares on the basis indicated by our clients, namely on the valuation of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, who have had considerable experience in valuing shares of private companies and whose reputation stands too high for any reasonable fear of deliberate or negligent undervaluation. Our clients have every confidence in the integrity of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company and in their ability to arrive at a true valuation.

"This proposal appears to us fair and reasonable in view of the circumstances